

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following discussion.

1. Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders (U.S. Patent No. 3,728,929) in view of Runyon (U.S. Patent No. 6,673,992) and Garitano (U.S. Pub. No. 20030017311). Claim 1 has been cancelled.

2. Claims 2, 3, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon and Garitano and further in view of Janssen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,805,264). Claims 2, 3, and 7 have been cancelled.

3. Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon and Garitano further in view of Janssen et al., and further in view of Wean (U.S. Patent No. 4,658,697). Claim 4 has been cancelled.

4. Claims 5, 12, 13, 15, 17 - 18, 23, 41, 42, 46, 47, and 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon and Garitano and further in view of Dolmetsch (U.S. Patent No. 3,750,521). Claims 5, 12, 13, 15, 17 - 18, 23, 41, 42, 46, 47, and 51 have been cancelled.

5. Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon and Garitano, and further in view of Disera (U.S. Patent No. 5,357,837). Claim 6 has been cancelled.

6. Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon and Garitano. Claim 11 has been cancelled.

7. Claim 44 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon, Garitano and Dolmetsch in further view of Janssen. Claim 44 has been cancelled.

8. Claims 14, 43, and 50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon, Garitano and Dolmetsch and further in view of Getzen (U.S. Patent No. 4,754,682). Claims 14, 43, and 50 have been cancelled.

9. Claims 21, 24 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon, Garitano and Dolmetsch, further in view of Getzen. Claims 21, 24, and 25 have been cancelled.

10. Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanders in view of Runyon, Garitano and Dolmetsch, and further in view of Wean. Claim 22 has been cancelled.

11. Claims 26 - 30, inclusive have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 26 - 30 have been cancelled.

12. Claims 35 - 40, inclusive have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 35 - 40 have been cancelled.

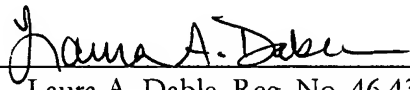
13. Claims 52 - 62, inclusive have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 52 - 62 have been cancelled.

14. Claims 8 - 10, 19, 20, 31 - 34 and 48 - 49 have been allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be removed, that claims 8 - 10, 19, 20, 31 - 34, inclusive, 48 and 49 be passed to allowance.

If there are any questions or remaining issues regarding the present amendment and application, Applicant requests the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone.

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